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8 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert Cutler,  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

I enclose drafts of a proposed letter to the President and a suggested action by the President to give effect to the Killian Board's recommendation with regard to the more effective coordination of the overall intelligence effort.

In view of the fact that the recommendations of the Killian Board were handled through you, I believe that the followup should be handled in the same way. If you approve these documents, I should like to join with you in meeting with the President to discuss the matter. If agreeable to the President, I should very much like to have General Truscott also present.

I believe that this action can be most effective in helping to carry out this important recommendation of the President's Board of Consultants.

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

*White House*



8 July 1957

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

You have indicated approval of the recommendations of your Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence that the Director of Central Intelligence exercise a more comprehensive and positive coordination responsibility. The Board also expressed the view that strong centralized direction under which the resources of the various elements of the intelligence community would be brought closer together would do much to strengthen the national intelligence effort and to reduce its cost.

I am in full agreement with these recommendations.

In order to help accomplish the approved purposes of the Board's recommendations, after consultation with you, I have designated General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr., Retired, as Deputy Director for Coordination, effective July 1, 1957.

In this capacity, General Truscott will be charged with the responsibility to review all possibilities for increasing integration, reducing duplication, and improving coordination in the national intelligence effort in consultation with the appropriate representatives of the various intelligence agencies of Government concerned. He will be responsible for the preparation of recommendations to me for such constructive measures as may be desirable and appropriate. General Truscott's long military service and his thorough familiarity with intelligence problems gained over the last six years with the Central Intelligence Agency at home and abroad equip him uniquely for his important duties.

**Your personal approval and support of this program, made known to the members of the intelligence community, will be a vitally important factor in its accomplishment.**

**Respectfully,**

**Allen W. Dulles  
Director**

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

16 July 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Honorable Robert Cutler  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

The attached is forwarded per your  
telephone conversation with the Director.

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Executive Officer

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